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Dear Wooddale Residents:

This letter serves as the sixth update on the status of the Wooddale Covered Bridge project. Since the last update in December, we have been proceeding through the advertisement process. The project was officially advertised on January 22, 2007. A pre-bid meeting was held on February 21, 2007. The purpose of this meeting was to meet with interested bidders to discuss the intricacies of the projects, as well as field questions that the potential bidders may have regarding the plans and specifications. This meeting was a positive one, with representation by several potential contractors and subcontractors. Some of the questions resulted in minor changes to the plans. An addendum has been issued to the potential bidders. An updated plan set has been sent to the community homeowners' association for your use.

Unfortunately, as we have progressed through the advertisement period, we have run into a delay with acquiring one of our environmental permits. Due to some regulation changes at the Army Corps of Engineers, we have had to postpone our bid opening from March 27, 2007, to April 17, 2007. Barring anymore unforeseen obstacles, the anticipated beginning of construction will now be approximately September 1, 2007. This delay was unforeseen by the Department and completely out of our hands. However, we have worked very hard to minimize the delay and impact on the schedule.

We are continuing to move forward with this project in an effort to finally put back this signature covered bridge. We appreciate your continued cooperation and patience.

If you have any questions or comments, please give us a call at the contact information provided on the website (http://www.deldot.gov/static/projects/wooddale_bridge/index.shtml).

Sincerely,

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